Variation in targets and achievements

4610. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets fixed and achieved for the Tenth Five Year Plan in respect of Landline, WLL phones and Optical fibre cable; and

(b) the reasons for variation in targets and achievements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The details of targets fixed and achieved for the Tenth Five Year Plan in respect of landline, WLL phones and Optical Fibre Cable are given below:

Scheme	Tenth Plan Targets (In lakhs)	Achievement (2002-07) (In lakhs)	% age Achievement (2002-07)
Fixed	96.89	18.84	19.44
WLL Phones	62.93	449.76	714.70
	OFC Cable*		
BSNL (Rkms)	-	181025.46	-
MTNL (In Fibre Kms.)	-	90500.88	-

* There was no specific target set for Optical Fibre Cable in Tenth Five Year Plan. However, BSNL and MTNL (both PSUs) have set their own targets and achieved 97.80% and 184.69% respectively.

(b) Reasons for the variation in targets and achievements for fixed and WLL telephone lines are given below:—

(i) Migration of landline subscribers to mobile phones is due to ease of use and anywhere/everywhere availability of Mobile phones. Also, mobile phones technology is preferred technology because of its low per line cost and fast deployment.

(ii) Surrender of landlines where subscribers are having more than one landline phone.